

CLAIMS

WHAT IS CLAIMED:

- 5 1. A medical device for draining a liner-type suction canister having a cover and a
liner coupled to the cover, the cover having therein a port, the liner containing fluid to be
drained, the device comprising:
- a housing in communication with a sanitary sewer line;
- a swingarm coupled to the housing, the swingarm movable between a first position
10 and a second position;
- a drainhead having a passageway therein, the drainhead moveable between a first
position not engageable with the liner-type suction canister and a second position
engageable with the liner-type suction canister, and in its second position, the passageway
being adapted to be in fluid communication with the port in the cover of the liner-type
15 suction canister;
- a support member on the swingarm for supporting the liner-type suction canister;
and
- a suction source in communication with the passageway and adapted to drain the
fluid contained in the liner-type suction canister from the liner through the drainhead to the
20 sanitary sewer.
2. The medical device of claim 1 wherein when the drainhead is in its first position,
the swingarm is unable to move.
- 25 3. The medical device of claim 2 wherein the swingarm includes an interlock and
wherein when the drainhead is in its first position, the swingarm is unable to move due to
the interlock.
- 30 4. The medical device of claim 1 wherein the support member includes an alignment
member to align the liner-type suction canister relative to the drainhead.

5. The medical device of claim 4 wherein the alignment member is a finger notch that interengages with a cover of the liner-type suction canister.
6. The medical device of claim 1 wherein the suction source is activated when the swingarm is in its second position.
7. The medical device of claim 1 wherein the support member includes a rigid walled container into which a liner-type suction canister is positionable.
8. The medical device of claim 7 wherein when the drainhead is in its second position, an air tight seal is creatable between the cover of the liner-type suction canister and the container.
9. The medical device of claim 1 wherein the swingarm rotates about an axis at least ninety degrees and no more than 180 degrees between its first and second positions.
10. The medical device of claim 1 wherein the drainhead includes a latch, wherein when the drainhead is in its second position, the latch engages the swingarm to positionally fix the drainhead relative to the swingarm.
11. The medical device of claim 10 wherein the swingarm includes a lock, and wherein the latch engages the lock to fix positionally the drainhead relative to the swingarm.
12. The medical device of claim 1 wherein the swingarm includes a handle to enable rotation of the swingarm.
13. The medical device of claim 1 wherein the suction source includes a jet pump.

14. A medical device for draining the fluid contained in a liner-type suction canister, the device comprising:

a swingarm having thereon a support member adapted to support the liner-type suction canister, the swingarm moveable between a first and a second position; and

5 a drainhead having a passageway therein, the drainhead moveable between a first and a second position, the drainhead adapted to engage the liner-type suction canister to enable fluid communication between the passageway and the fluid contained in the liner-type suction canister when the drainhead is in the second position.

10 15. The medical device of claim 14 wherein the passageway is in fluid communication with a sanitary sewer, and wherein fluid flows from the passageway to the sanitary sewer.

16. The medical device of claim 14 and further comprising a suction source in communication with the passageway for draining fluid contained in the liner-type suction
15 canister.

17. A medical device for draining fluid contained in a liner-type suction canister having a cover, the device comprising:
- a housing; and
 - a swingarm coupled to the housing, the swingarm movable between a first position and a second position, the swingarm including a support member adapted to support the liner-type suction canister and a drainhead having therein a passageway, the drainhead adapted to engage the cover of the liner-type suction canister to permit fluid to drain from the liner-type suction canister through the drainhead to the housing.
18. A method for draining a liner-type suction canister filled with fluid, the method comprising:
- placing the liner-type suction canister on a swingarm of a drainage device;
 - coupling together a drainhead on the drainage device and the liner-type suction canister;
 - rotating the swingarm with the liner-type suction canister thereon; and
 - activating a suction source to drain the fluid from the liner-type suction canister through the drainhead.
19. A method for draining a liner-type suction canister filled with fluid, the method comprising:
- placing the liner-type suction canister on a swingarm of a drainage device;
 - connecting a drainhead on the drainage device with the liner-type suction canister so as to establish fluid communication between the drainhead and a port on the liner-type suction canister;
 - rotating the swingarm with the liner-type suction canister thereon; and
 - activating a suction source to drain the fluid from the liner-type suction canister through the drainhead.

20. A method for draining a liner-type suction canister filled with fluid, the method comprising:

placing the liner-type suction canister on a swingarm of a drainage device when the swingarm is in a first position;

5 preventing movement of the swingarm;

moving a drainhead on the drainage device from a first position to a second position in fluid communication with a port on the liner-type suction canister;

securing the drainhead in the second position;

enabling movement of the swingarm;

10 rotating the swingarm from its first position to a second position; and

activating a suction source to drain the fluid from the liner-type suction canister, through the drainhead, and to a sanitary sewer.

21. The method of claim 20 and further including the step of orienting the liner-type

15 suction canister with respect to the drainage device.